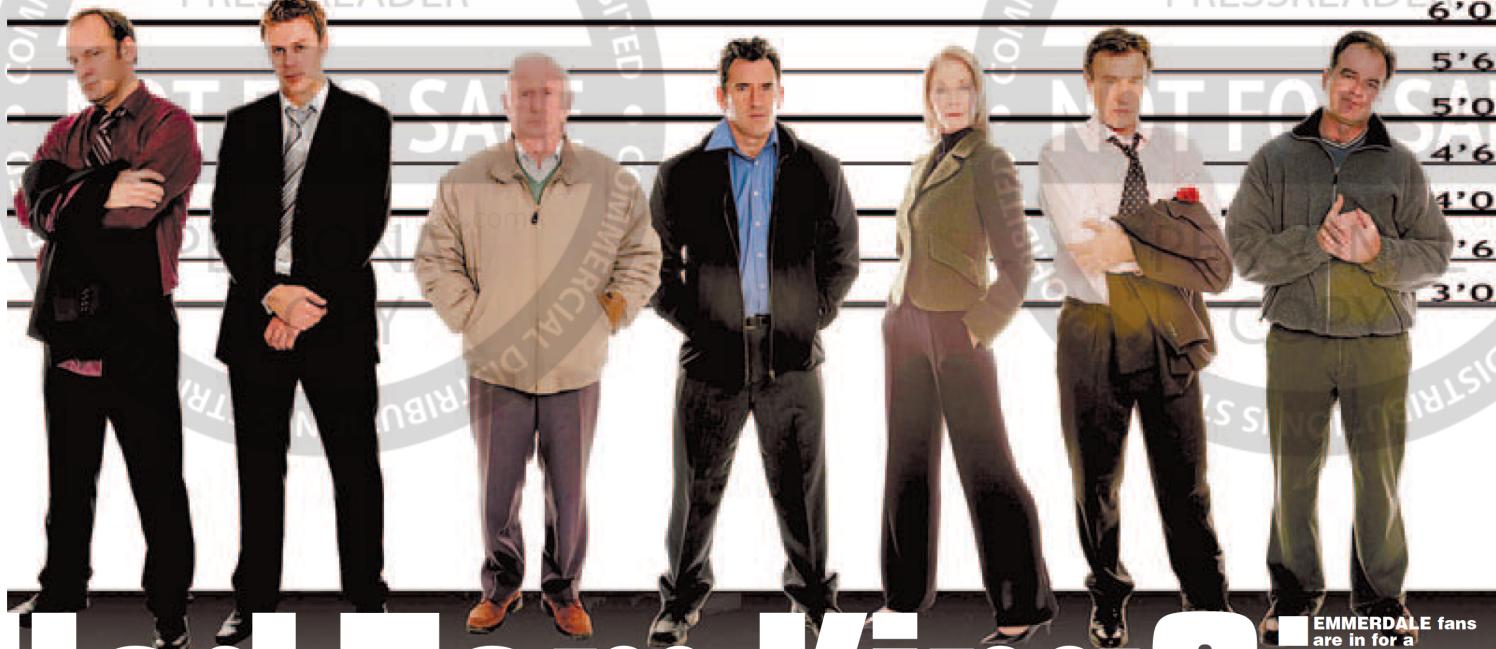


# R STAR SPECIAL: We grill the murder suspects



# Iced Tom King?

**EMMERDALE** fans are in for a Christmas Day thriller as millionaire Tom King (Ken Farrington, 70) is murdered on his wedding day. So who throws him out of a window? Here, KATIE BEGLEY reveals the 10 prime suspects – and gives them a grilling ...



**JOB:** Partner in King & Sons.  
**RELATIONSHIP:** Son and business partner.  
**MOTIVE:** Tom held Jimmy back, favouring Matthew or Carl in the business. Jimmy also blames Tom for the house collapse.  
**PREVIOUS CONVICTION:** Drunk and disorderly, December 2005.

**Q:** What did you do when you learned Tom had been murdered?  
**A:** I tried to get near him, but Rosemary was all over him. Then I saw Bob climbing down the drainpipe. It was obvious he had something to do with it.  
**Q:** So you think Bob did it?  
**A:** He looked guilty as hell. Maybe it was an accident, but Bob's your man.  
**Q:** Did your dad deserve to die?  
**A:** I won't lie. He made my life hell sometimes. But he was my dad and I loved him.



**JOB:** Partner in King & Sons.  
**RELATIONSHIP:** Son and business partner.  
**MOTIVE:** Tom put paid to his relationship with Chastity and tried to control his life.

**PREVIOUS CONVICTION:** Arrest for indecency, May 2004.

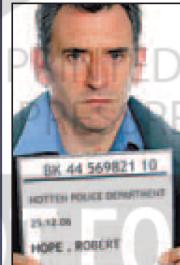
**Q:** When did you last see your dad alive?  
**A:** There was an argument. I was angry over the way he treated Chas. We had words, the last I said to him.  
**Q:** What did you do when you found out he'd been murdered?  
**A:** I heard screaming and ran over. Nothing could have prepared me for what I saw.  
**Q:** Who do you think did it?  
**A:** I heard screaming and ran over. Nothing could have prepared me for what I saw.  
**Q:** Who do you think did it?  
**A:** Dad annoyed a lot of people. It could be Bob, Jamie, Terry, even Rosemary – she was only after his money.  
**Q:** Do you think he deserved to die?  
**A:** I'd never wish him dead. He was my dad.



**JOB:** Ex-mechanic.  
**RELATIONSHIP:** No direct relationship with Tom, but a close friend of his former PA, Edna.  
**MOTIVE:** Revenge. Tom threatened to blackmail Edna, love of Len's life, forcing her to expose her secret.

**PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS:** None.

**Q:** What did you do when you heard about the murder?  
**A:** I went to find Pearl, check she was OK.  
**Q:** Who do you think did it?  
**A:** People were queuing up. I couldn't care less who did it, I'm just glad someone did.  
**Q:** Did Tom deserve to die?  
**A:** I won't shed one single tear now he's gone. He destroyed Edna by betraying her secret and used her affection for him to try to coerce her into protecting his rotten family. Edna will never trust anyone again. I hate him for that.



**JOB:** Barman.  
**RELATIONSHIP:** Sworn enemy of Tom.  
**MOTIVE:** Revenge. The King family's negligence caused the house collapse, causing his daughter's death.  
**PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS:** None.

**Q:** What were you doing up at Home Farm?  
**A:** I went to see Tom. It was our first Christmas without Dawn and there he was, getting married. I thought I'd do something so he knew how we felt. Then he found me there and we had words. But I didn't kill him.  
**Q:** What did you do when you learned he had been murdered?  
**A:** I panicked and fled. Then Jimmy caught up with me and accused me of murder.  
**Q:** If you didn't do it, who did?  
**A:** Tom King had no shortage of enemies.  
**Q:** Did he deserve to die?  
**A:** I'd rather have seen him in court than dead.



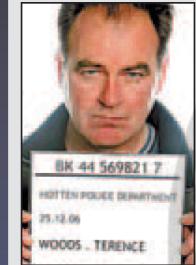
**JOB:** Manager of Home Farm Estates.  
**RELATIONSHIP:** Victim's new wife.  
**MOTIVE:** Financial. Rosemary is shocked to learn that Tom has set up a trust for his estate to go to his sons, not to her.  
**PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS:** None.

**Q:** What did you do when you found Tom had been murdered?  
**A:** I heard screams so I ran to where they were coming from. I saw Tom on the ground and phoned an ambulance. I was shocked when I realised he'd come through the window.  
**Q:** Who do you think did it?  
**A:** Matthew. He's clever enough. He probably felt threatened that Tom had given me control of Home Farm Estates and was thinking about handing King & Sons over to Carl.  
**Q:** Did Tom deserve to die?  
**A:** No. I loved Tom. Why would I kill him?



**JOB:** Solicitor.  
**RELATIONSHIP:** Victim's son-in-law.  
**MOTIVE:** Tom was set to give everything to his sons, instead of his mum. He threatened to expose him as gay.  
**PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS:** None.

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**A:** I heard screams so I ran to where they were coming from. I saw Tom on the ground and phoned an ambulance. I was shocked when I realised he'd come through the window.  
**Q:** Who do you think did it?  
**A:** Matthew. He's clever enough. He probably felt threatened that Tom had given me control of Home Farm Estates and was thinking about handing King & Sons over to Carl.  
**Q:** Did Tom deserve to die?  
**A:** Tom was brutish and vulgar, and even had the nerve to criticise my sexuality. But I'd never have wished the man dead.



**JOB:** B&B proprietor.  
**RELATIONSHIP:** Former employee of Tom. Ex-husband of Dawn, who died in house collapse, and father of her son, TJ.  
**MOTIVE:** Blames Tom for Dawn's death and the break-up with partner Jean, who fled the country with his son.  
**PREVIOUS CONVICTION:** Arrested for indecency, June 2006.

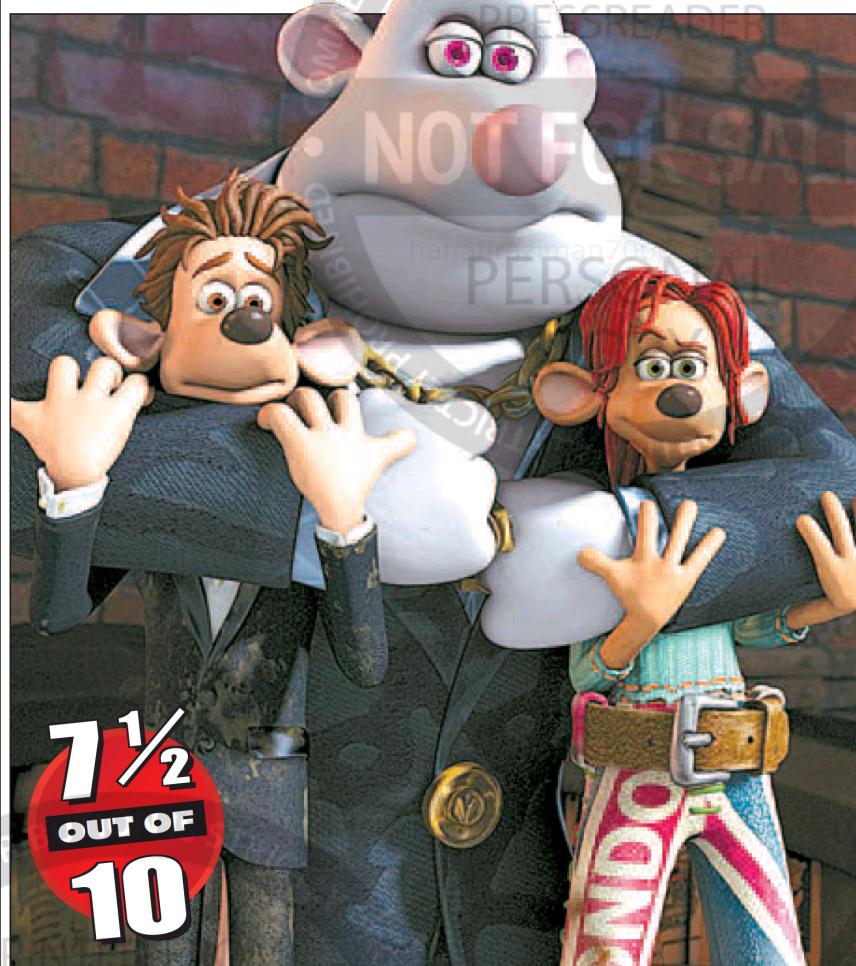
**Q:** What did you do when you learned Tom had been murdered?  
**A:** I heard about it from Louise and Hali, but I didn't have time to stick around. Like I cared anyway!  
**Q:** Who do you think did it?  
**A:** Bob's a good friend, but he's obsessed with revenge. When I lost TJ, revenge didn't seem so important as getting my son back.  
**Q:** Did Tom deserve to die?  
**A:** Yes. I'm glad someone had the guts to do it. He was an evil man.

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# Take rat! RODENTS REVOLT

**FLUSHED AWAY (U)**  
**NEVER try to pass off a toilet as a Jacuzzi...**

That's the trick pulled by pampered posh mouse Roddy in the hope of pulling the chain on the coarse sewer rat that invades his posh pad in Kensington – but he simply ends up being flushed down the pan himself.

To his surprise, Roddy ends up in a bustling rodent metropolis below London.

#### Sinful

There, he and streetwise rodent boat captain Rita find themselves ranged against the sinful megalomaniac Toad, who intends to flush away the underground city.

Aardman, whose animated classics include Wallace and Gromit and Chicken Run, have joined up with Hollywood's DreamWorks Studios to give birth to this mirth-filled crazy comedy.

Sadly, Nick Park's time-and-money-consuming Plasticine animation technique has been

replaced by cheaper, quicker computer-created animation but that aside, Flushed Away hits the spot. X-Men adversaries Hugh Jackman, who speaks for Roddy, and Ian McKellen, camping it up like Stephen Fry on speed as Toad, are terrific, while Kate Winslet is a hit as Rita.

Youngsters will have a ball watching the resolute rodents' adventures battling Toad's henchrats Spike and Whitey.

Adults, too, can't fail to enjoy a comedy that includes England winning the World Cup (it's a fantasy, after all) and witty movie spoofs.

Even Prince Charles is given a comic check since Toad was once his pet and only turned nasty ("I was cruelly plunged into a whirlpool of despair") after HRH cruelly flushed him away in favour of a new pet.



VILLAIN: Toad's a nasty piece of work



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# NEW VENTURE A SEWER-FIRE HIT



**WE'RE IN FUR IT:**  
Roddy and Rita  
(Hugh Jackman  
and Kate Winslet)  
are seized by  
henchrats Whitey  
(Bill Nighy) and,  
below, Spike  
(Andy Serkis)

**BEST OF THE REST... BEST OF THE REST**

# A novel idea

**STRANGER THAN FICTION (15)**  
“THIS may sound like gibberish to you,” says stressed-out tax inspector Will Ferrell, when he discovers the disembodied voice that he keeps on hearing narrating his life story belongs to novelist Emma Thompson.

It turns out that luckless Will isn't simply a taxman but also a character in Emma's latest novel and, like all her characters, he's doomed to die. Understandably, this freaks him out, especially when he finally finds out there's no way to save himself.

### **Chronic**

Newcomer Zach Helm's script is too clever by half while the equally over-cute direction by Marc Forster didn't succeed in keeping my mounting irritation at bay.

Ferrell's stab at serious acting fails to draw dramatic blood. He tries hard but for most of the film he just looks as though he's suffering from chronic constipation and left me having to strain for laughs.

It's left to Thompson, who's a delight as the cynical chain-smoking writer, and Dustin Hoffman's literary professor whom Ferrell consults when he finds out he is a fictional character, to steal the show.

**VERDICT: 4/10**



SERIOUSLY POOR: Will Ferrell

# Rail ride to terror

**LONDON TO BRIGHTON**  
**(15)**  
IF this taut, talented thriller is anything to go by, writer and director Paul Andrew Williams is on the way to becoming one of the biggest names in British films.

**The low-budget, high-impact film kicks off intriguingly with beaten-up 25-year-old prostitute Lorraine Stanley and traumatised 12-year-old Georgia Groome taking the London to Brighton train, chased by vengeful pimp Johnny Harris.**

Williams grabs you right from the start and never lets the suspense slacken as he reveals the horrifying reason for the women's flight.

The adults-only story he tells is not a pretty one but it's brilliantly told and utterly gripping.

**VERDICT: 8/10**

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# NOTHING SPECIAL



BAD HAIR DAY: The axe falls on Mimi Rogers in Big Nothing

**BIG NOTHING (15)**  
**ACTRESS Mimi Rogers hasn't really been having the best of times recently.**

First her ex-husband Tom Cruise remarries in a tsunami of hype and now, in this black comedy, she exits the movie with an axe in her head.

In smalltown Oregon (capably played by the Isle of Man), out-of-work teacher David Schwimmer loses his job in a call centre and agrees to join conman Simon Pegg and his ex-girlfriend Alice Eve in their "foolproof" blackmail scheme.

But their plan to con a churchman who's

been downloading porn goes pear-shaped, corpses start to mount up and, worse still, Schwimmer's policewoman wife Natascha McElhone starts to investigate.

You're unlikely to remember the warped goings-on for long but thanks to its high spirits and amusingly dark tone the genuinely gruesome show never outstays its welcome.

**VERDICT: 6/10**

**SHORTBUS (18)**

ONE amusing line occurs when sex therapist Sook-Yin Lee says: "I prefer the term couples counsellor" – otherwise this explicit sex show is a pretentious parade of gay and heterosexual porn masquerading as art.

It's that old favourite, a dirty picture for people who never go to dirty pictures. Writer-director John Cameron Mitchell says: "If we hadn't used sex, it would have been less likely to have been released."

But with so much free porn on the web, why bother to release it at all?

For the record, Mitchell says all but one of the film's many orgasms (orgies are the main business of the New York Shortbus sex club) are genuine which, presumably, instead of just a porno pic.

**VERDICT: 1/10**

## UK TOP 10

1 (1) CASINO ROYALE	£8,546,238
2 (2) BORAT	£1,470,923
3 (-) THE SANTA CLAUSE 3	£1,274,774
4 (-) TENACIOUS D	£922,574
5 (-) JACKASS 2	£735,274
6 (-) DHOOM 2	£415,701
7 (3) THE PRESTIGE	£327,984
8 (-) PAN'S LABYRINTH	£298,432
9 (4) STEP UP	£166,146
10 (5) SAW III	£109,339

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## US TOP 10

1 (1) HAPPY FEET	\$37,038,046
2 (2) CASINO ROYALE	\$30,785,874
3 (-) DECK THE HALLS	\$12,001,256
4 (3) BORAT	\$10,304,802
5 (4) THE SANTA CLAUSE 3	\$9,929,029
6 (6) FLUSHED AWAY	\$5,756,455
7 (5) STRANGER THAN FICTION	\$5,726,536
8 (-) BOBBY	\$4,857,736
9 (-) THE FOUNTAIN	\$3,768,702
10 (-) TENACIOUS D	\$3,234,879

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## COMING SOON

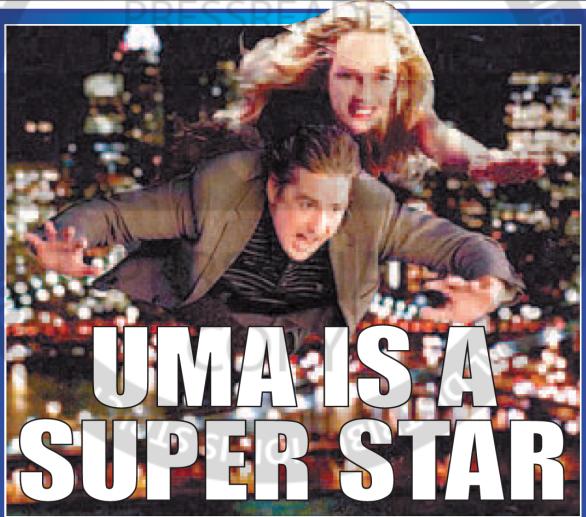
**NEXT WEEK**  
EVEN James Bond wasn't able to deal decisively with the dancing penguins who populate the computer-animated musical Happy Feet, which beat Casino Royale to the top of the US box-office charts...

**THE WEEK AFTER**  
A FARM boy's discovery of a dragon's egg leads him on a mission to save his home from a malign monarch in the fantasy adventure Eragon which co-stars Jeremy Irons...

## DVD TOP 10

1 (4) THE DA VINCI CODE
2 (3) X-MEN: THE LAST STAND
3 (5) POSEIDON
4 (-) THE BREAK UP
5 (1) MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE 3
6 (-) THE INSIDE MAN
7 (-) 16 BLOCKS
8 (-) JUST MY LUCK
9 (-) UNITED 93
10 (-) THE LAKE HOUSE

# ► TAKE IT HOME ►



## UMA IS A SUPER STAR

DUMPING a girlfriend is the hardest thing most men ever do – so spare a thought for Matt Saunders. Along with being meaner than an angry rattlesnake, his girl just happens to be a superhero with extra-special powers that make Superman look like Scott Henshall.

My Super Ex-Girlfriend is released to buy and rent on DVD on Monday, priced £17.99.

But if you can't wait that long to see Uma Thurman torment Luke Wilson, we've got 15 copies of the comic caper to give away courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment. Simply answer the

following question: Which movie features Uma Thurman as a samurai sword-wielding assassin?

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## ALAN FRANK'S VERDICT

### TOP TIP

**MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (12)**  
WHEN nerdy Luke Wilson ends up in bed with secretly super-powered superbabe Uma Thurman, the sex sends the bed through the bedroom wall.

"I'm sorry I'll get you a new one," she says. "A new bed or willya?" he asks. "Both," is her reply.

Sadly for Wilson, he dumps Thurman for Anna Faris – big mistake. Thurman turns out to be seri-

ously jealous, boiling his goldfish with her heat-ray eyes and stealing his car and sending it into orbit.

This light and silly fantasy comedy isn't trying for significance; instead it simply sets out to entertain and if you're in the mood for a ridiculous, raunchy romcom with smart special effects it delivers the goods.

Thurman is great in her superbabe suit while Wilson is an effective foil to her vigorous version of romance.

**VERDICT: 8/10**

## ► ALAN FRANK'S DVD SLOT ►

### BEST OF THE REST

**Superman Returns (12) (Warner DVD)**  
IS IT a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's hunky Brandon Routh soaring to stardom as Superman to save mankind from Lex Luthor.

He's back after five years revisiting the ruins of Krypton to find that Metropolis is crime-ridden.

He soon finds Lois Lane has moved on and has won a Pulitzer Prize for her piece Why The World Doesn't Need Superman.

Worse still, Luthor has avoided going to jail and is planning to use the Man of Steel's

own powers to create a new continent in the Atlantic.

Routh firmly fills his predecessor's tights, is soulful and sensitive when necessary and suitably nerdy as alter-ego Clark Kent.

**VERDICT: 9/10**

the supplies he needs to give to a brown bear whose food he has stolen.

Gary Shandling scores speaking for a turtle, Steve Carell is the voice of a squirrel and William Shatner joins in as a possum.

**VERDICT: 7/10**

### FAMILY CHOICE

**Over the Hedge (PG) (DreamWorks DVD)** COMEDY and a sprinkle of sarcasm to satisfy adults are the hallmarks of a suburban riff on the animal antics of cartoons like The Wild.

It showcases A Matter of Life and Death, one of finest fantasies ever made. Also featured is The Battle of the River Plate and 49th Parallel.

**VERDICT: 9/10**



### BEST BUY

**The Powell and Pressburger Collection (PG) (ITV DVD £59.99)** THIS classy collection of nine great British films created by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger is a must-have for all movie fans.

It showcases A Matter of Life and Death, one of finest fantasies ever made. Also featured is The Battle of the River Plate and 49th Parallel.

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**9.15 Animal Park** (W) (S) 1287913  
**10.00 Homes Under The Hammer** (R) (W) (S) Followed by BBC News, (W) (S) Weather. 90130  
**11.00 To Buy Or Not To Buy** Presented by Sarah Walker. 2623  
**11.30 Bargain Hunt** An auction in Mold. (W) (S) Followed by BBC News, (W) (S) Weather. 1874130  
**12.15 Cash In The Attic** From Lincolnshire. (R) (W) (S) 1807265  
**1.00 BBC News, Weather** 14710  
**1.30 Local News, (W) (S)** Weather 61338541  
**1.40 Neighbours** (W) (S) 90712642  
**2.05 Doctors** (W) (S) 69140401  
**2.35 Murder, She Wrote** Angela Lansbury stars. (R) (S) 2306994  
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**5.00 The Slammer** (W) (S) 1312604  
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**5.35 Neighbours** (R) (W) (S) 838468  
**6.00 BBC News, (W) Weather** 8  
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A QUESTION OF SPORT:  
Bolton boxer  
Amir Khan tests  
his sporting  
knowledge,  
7pm

**BBC Two**

- 7.00 CBBC: Batlink** (R) (SL) (W) (S) 3343130 **7.15 WITCH** (R) (SL) (W) (S) 4149642 **7.40 Fergus McPhail** (W) (S) 7183352 **8.05 Serious Desert** (R) (W) (S) 7053197  
**8.30 CBeebies: The Koala Brothers** (W) (S) 7456536 **8.40 Underground** (R) (W) (S) 2563081 **8.55 Brum** (R) (W) (S) 7468371 **9.05 Cbeebies: 9.05 Balloomy** (AD) (R) (W) (S) Followed by Pingu. (R) (W) (S) 5373333 **9.30 Doodle Do** (R) (W) (S) 2797449 **9.50 Step Inside** (R) (W) (S) 4111791 **10.00 Barnaby Bear** (R) (W) (S) 708962 **10.15 Our Planet** (R) (W) (S) 7002913  
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**12.00 The Daily Politics** (S) 14197  
**12.30 Working Lunch** Adrian Chiles and Adam Shaw discuss the latest stories from the business world. (S) 87710  
**1.30 FILM: Billion Dollar Brain** 1967 (PG) Espionage thriller starring Michael Caine. (W) (S) 90097401  
**3.15 Castle In The Country** John Craven explores Mount Stuart on the island of Bute. (W) (S) 580130  
**3.45 Flog It!** From Ipswich. 4274994  
**4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** With Lesley Waters. (W) (S) 7292604  
**5.15 Weakest Link** (W) 1792555  
**6.00 Nature's Calendar** (W) (S) 10  
**6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two** (W) (S) 62



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A YEAR ON EXMOOR:  
The expert comes into contact with an unusual animal, 8pm

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- 5.55 Inuk** (R,S) 2294062  
**6.10 The Hoobs** (AD) (R,S) 5863420  
**6.35 The Hoobs** (AD) (R,S) 9369517  
**7.00 Freshly Squeezed** 15449  
**7.30 Friends** (AD) (R,S) 27284  
**8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (R,S) 86438  
**8.30 Will & Grace** (R,S) 36979  
**9.00 Frasier** (R,S) 89401  
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**10.00 Sex, Lies And Soaps** (R,S) Followed by Tate Modern. (R,S) 70888  
**10.30 Young Black Farmers** (R,S) Last in series. Followed by 3 Minute Wonder. (R,S) 78062  
**11.30 My Crazy Life** (R,S) 6062  
**12.00 News At Noon** (S) 36915  
**12.30 Headland** (S) 9869420  
**1.25 The King Of Queens** Doug takes Arthur to a basketball game. (R,S) 7381591  
**1.45 Third Watch** (R,S) 3857333  
**2.35 Third Watch** Jimmy gets a promotion. (R,S) 5637263  
**3.30 Countdown** Mel Giedroyc guests. (S) 3065178  
**4.15 Deal Or No Deal** (S) 7447913  
**5.00 The New Paul O'Grady Show** Guest host Brian Conley chats to Lois Walsh. (S) 7333  
**6.00 The Simpsons** Ned Flanders' home is destroyed by a hurricane. 78  
**6.30 Hollyoaks** Calvin's date with Louise is interrupted. (S) 30



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10 CATS:  
Jimmy Carr  
hosts the  
irreverent  
panel show,  
10pm

**Five**

- 6.00 Milkshake! The Save-Ums!** (R,S) 51884246 **6.10 Rolie Polie Olie** (R,S) 11004178 **6.40 MechaNick** (R,S) 94156284 **6.50 Hi-5** (R) (SL) (S) 40466807 **7.20 Franny's Feet** (R,S) 1942888 **7.35 Rupert Bear** 9957265 **7.45 Makie Way For Noddy** (R,S) 9937401 **8.00 Fifi And The Flowerots** (R,S) 5621246 **8.15 Peppa Pig** (R,S) 9273975 **8.20 Funky Valley** (R,S) 9567907 **8.30 Thomas & Friends** (S) 5500710 **8.45 Roobarb And Custard Too** (R,S) 9430407 **8.50 My First 7108178**  
**9.00 The Wright Stuff** (S) 2680710  
**10.30 Trisha Goddard** Sexual wisdom from "Pleasure professor" Louise Van Der Velde. (S) 6304826  
**11.30 five news** (S) 2455517  
**12.00 Home And Away** Matilda admits she needs help. (S) 3826517  
**12.30 BrainTeaser** Quiz designed to test the mind. 22613739  
**1.35 FILM: The Ladies** 1987 (PG) Drama, starring Tala Balsam and Patricia Elliott. (S) 23825246  
**3.40 FILM: Chance Of Snow** 1998 (PG) Heart-warming drama, starring JoBeth Williams and Charles Durning. (S) 1719826  
**5.00 five news And Ashes Special Report** 9728739  
**6.00 Home And Away** 9718352  
**6.30 In The Grid** Gameshow, Followed by Weather. 9709604



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Kevin Costner  
plays the lead  
role in this  
epic Western,  
9pm

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- 5.30 ITV News** (S) 95710  
**6.00 GMTV** (W) (S) 8389536  
**9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** Talk show. (W) (S) 4412826  
**10.30 This Morning** (W) (S) 79449  
**12.00 This Morning – I'm A Celebrity Special** Live update from the Australian jungle, as Katie and Peter Andre look ahead to tonight's final. (W) (S) 36933  
**12.30 Loose Women** Singer Simon Webbe and X Factor judge Louis Walsh chat to panelists Kate Garraway, Coleen Nolan and Carol McGiffin. (W) (S) 81536  
**1.30 ITV News** (S) 25791  
**2.00 The Price Is Right** (S) 6604  
**2.30 Dickinson's Real Deal** Chelsea dealer Ian Towning offers two Newcastle women £350 for their Japanese car and opera glasses. (W) (S) 51159  
**3.28 Local Weather** (S) 8724604  
**3.30 CITV: Jim Jam & Sunny** (W) (S) 3642352 3.40 Planet Sketch (S) 3639883 3.55 Tricky Quirkies (R) (W) (S) 1683517 4.00 Horrid Henry (W) (S) 4058791 4.15 Bel's Boys (AD) (R) (W) (S) 4071642 **4.30 The New Worst Witch** (W) (S) 1  
**5.00 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! – Exclusive** All the latest gossip. (W) (S) 9791  
**6.00 Local News, Weather** 36  
**6.30 ITV News, Weather** 88



CORONATION STREET:  
Danny takes  
Jamie on a  
terrifying car  
journey,  
7.30pm

7 PM

- 7.00 A Question Of Sport** With Olympic silver medalist Amir Khan. (W) (S) 5352  
**7.30 Big Cat Diary** Chui the leopard hunts a giraffe, while a troop of baboons attack a cheetah cub. (R) (W) (S) 84

8 PM

- 8.00 EastEnders** The wedding guests are shocked by Ian's revelation, while Peggy realises her preparations have been for nothing. (AD) (W) (S) 1772  
**8.30 Out-Take TV** Anne Robinson presents another raid on the archives. (W) (S) 9997

9 PM

- 9.00 Have I Got News For You** Ann Widdecombe hosts the satirical quiz. (W) (S) 9159  
**9.30 Jam & Jerusalem** Sal misses her job at the surgery and sneaks in to give someone treatment. (W) (S) 28888

10 PM

- 10.00 BBC News** (W) (S) 17284  
**10.30 Local News, (W) (S)** Weather 81246  
**10.35 Friday Night With Jonathan Ross** Food guru Nigella Lawson talks about her latest TV programme Christmas Kitchen. (W) (S) 640710

11 PM

- 11.35 FILM: Days Of Thunder** 1990 (15) Motor racing drama, starring Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman, Robert Duvall, Randy Quaid and John C Reilly. (W) (S) Followed by Weatherview. 603642

12 midnight

- 1.20 BBC News 24** 58532753

- 7.00 Newsnight Review** Kirsty Wark presents from New York. (S) 3994  
**7.30 Christine's Garden** Horticulturist Christine Walkden is asked to assess the effectiveness of a grow mat made from human hair. (S) 46
- 8.00 Johnny Kingdom – A Year On Exmoor** Johnny's search for red deer calves leads to a close encounter with an animal that no one realised was living wild on Exmoor. 2642  
**8.30 Gardeners' World Special** With Joe Swift. 8449
- 9.00 Simon Schama's Power Of Art** The historian investigates the creation of Pablo Picasso's Guernica and how the artist attempted to make a modern history painting based on the bombing of the ancient town. (AD) (W) (S) 5826

- 10.00 QI** Guests Graeme Garden, Johnny Vaughan and Phillip Jupitus join regular contributor Alan Davies and host Stephen Fry. (W) (S) 15826  
**10.30 Newsnight** Gavin Esler presents a round-up of the day's events. (W) (S) 891517
- 11.05 Cricket: The Ashes** Australia v England. (S) 685178
- 11.40 Later With Jools Holland** Red Hot Chili Peppers and Keane perform. (S) 783826

- 12.50 BBC News 24** (S) 9424956  
**2.00 BBC Learning Zone:** **2.00-6.00** General Interest: Blast (S) 3083521

- 7.00 Channel 4 News** Including sport and weather. (S) 8062  
**7.30 Unreported World** Five years after the fall of the Taliban, reporter Kate Clark finds out what Western intervention has achieved in Northern Afghanistan. (S) 2
- 8.00 Unanimous** Kelly forms an alliance with Pip and Alex in a bid to win the cash, but her plan backfires spectacularly. Sian is forced to pick an outcast – with dramatic results. (S) 6230
- 9.00 The Simpsons** Mr Burns hires Homer to amuse him by playing pranks on all and sundry. (R,S) 5197  
**9.30 The Simpsons** Homer is prescribed a marijuana-based medication to help him cope with a traumatic experience. 44826

- 10.00 8 Out Of 10 Cats** Jimmy Carr hosts. (S) 86474  
**10.30 Blunder** Maverick vet Colonel Rudd makes an error. (S) 819913
- 11.05 The Russell Brand Show** The comic presents sketches, interviews and live music. (S) 782420
- 11.55 My Name Is Earl** A penitent Earl tries to make amends at Christmas. (R,S) 235159

- 12.20 The Album Chart Show** 5191840 **12.50 Gumball 3000** (R) 8533145 **1.20 Gumball 3000** (R) 5263666 **1.55 Late Night Poker Masters** (R) 8998802 **3.25 World Cup Snowboard** 883376 **5.15-6.00 Countdown** (R,S) 6097208

- 7.00 five news And Ashes Special Report** (S) 3455389  
**7.30 Pimp My Ride UK** A 1991 Kia Pride belonging to an Olympic hopeful is transformed with the addition of weird and wonderful accessories. Followed by five news update. 9705888
- 8.00 World's Strongest Man Super Series** New series following the qualifying events of the World's Strongest Man competition, where entrants face a gruelling set of physical tests as they aim to reach the finals. 3702642
- 9.00 FILM: Wyatt Earp** 1994 (12) Kevin Costner takes the title role in this chronicle of the legendary lawman's life, from his youth to his days as the feared and respected town marshal who engineered the gunfight at the OK Corral, an ultimately tragic confrontation with two notorious outlaw gangs. Lawrence Kasdan's masterly Western epic, co-starring Dennis Quaid as Doc Holliday, with Gene Hackman, Michael Madsen, Isabella Rossellini, Bill Pullman and Catherine O'Hara. (AD) (S) 18442642

- 10.00 Take That – For The Record** Another chance to see the documentary in which Robbie Williams, Gary Barlow, Jason Orange, Howard Donald and Mark Owen recalled the band's career. (W) 634791
- 10.30 ITV News** Including Local News and Weather. 88772

- 12.25 Make Your Play** (W) Followed by ITV News. 34445208  
**4.10 60 Minute Makeover** (R) (SL) (W) (S) 2201937 **5.00-5.30** ITV Nightscreen 51314

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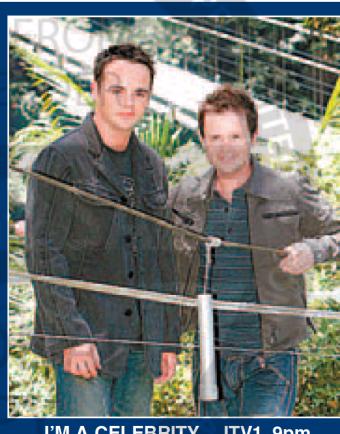
- 9.25 Coronation Street** (AD) (R) (W) (S) 5330807  
**9.55 Emmerdale** Eric arranges a DNA test. (AD) (R) (W) (S) 6717604  
**10.25 The Montel Williams Show** Topical debate. (R) 9736081  
**11.10 Judge Judy** (R) (S) 2231979  
**12.30 Coronation Street** Yana makes a pass at Les. (AD) (S) 33807  
**1.00 Emmerdale** Eric arranges a DNA test. (AD) (R) (W) (S) 74130  
**1.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show** Talk show. (R) (W) (S) 230371  
**2.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show** Talk show. (R) 6748178  
**3.40 Ricki Lake** (R) 2247517  
**4.30 Sally Jessy Raphael** US chat show. (R) 7195246  
**5.15 Judge Judy** (R) 480791  
**5.45 Movies Now** (R) 906468  
**5.55 The New Adventures Of Superman** (R) 419791  
**6.55 The Xtra Factor: The Aftermath** (R) (W) 520791  
**7.55 The Xtra Factor: Xcess** All Areas Ben Shephard goes behind the scenes. (W) 179449  
**9.00 Trinny & Susannah Undress** The duo meet a couple married for 14 years. (R) (S) 40062  
**10.00 Dating The Enemy** A no-nonsense Liverpudlian dates a trendy Londoner. (R) (W) 19739  
**10.30 I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here Now! Finale** Kelly Osbourne and Jeff Brazier interview the winner. (W) 91739  
**11.30 Coronation Street** Norris gets in trouble. (AD) (R) (W) (S) 69710  
**12.00 Coronation Street** (AD) (R) (W) (S) 48111 **12.30 Test Drive My Girlfriend** (R) 11579 **1.00 Playdate** (W) 6664024 **4.00 Playalong** 89753

**ITV3**

- 5.10 ITV3 Nightscreen** 1905536  
**6.00 Survival** (R) 6221913  
**6.55 Film File** 7035807  
**7.05 Peak Practice** Medical drama, starring Haydn Gwynne. (S) 9259772  
**8.05 Ironside** (R) 9546994  
**9.05 The Rockford Files** Jim meets Beth's cousin. (R) 2422826  
**10.10 The Return Of Sherlock Holmes** (R) 9388710  
**11.15 Pie In The Sky** (R) 9187265  
**12.20 Rumpole Of The Bailey** Courtroom drama. (R) 2767197  
**1.30 Wycliffe** (R) 7055536  
**2.30 Ironside** Detective drama series. (R) 2930913  
**3.35 No Job For A Lady** Sitcom, starring Penelope Keith. (R) 4545994  
**4.10 The Rockford Files** Jim meets Beth's cousin. (R) 9178401  
**5.10 Peak Practice** Medical drama, starring Haydn Gwynne. (S) 7153536  
**6.15 No Job For A Lady** Sitcom, starring Penelope Keith. (R) 8330130  
**6.50 Rumpole Of The Bailey** The lawyer defends a soldier. 1641604  
**8.00 The Two Ronnies** 8870517  
**9.00 FILM: Turner & Hooch** 1989 (PG) (W) 8873604  
**11.00 Tales Of The Unexpected** Strange stories. (R) 8033913  
**11.35 Tales Of The Unexpected** Short, spooky stories. (R) 3569284  
**12.05 Verdict** (R) (S) 6901598 **1.10** Framed (R) 5101173 **2.10** Peak Practice (R) (W) 5335735 **3.05** Noah's Ark (R) 2745014 **4.00-6.00** Teleshopping 1869840

**ITV4**

- 6.00 Married - With Children** Comedy, starring Ed O'Neill and Katey Sagal. (R) 86065739  
**6.30 Married - With Children** Family comedy. (R) 86049791  
**7.00 Now And Again** (R) 50766197  
**8.00 Martial Law** (R) 50742517  
**9.00 Police, Camera, Action!** Erratic lane-changers. (R) 95979569  
**9.30 James Bond: For Real** 77066150  
**10.00 FILM: Never Say Never Again** 1983 (PG) Classic action adventure, starring Sean Connery as 007. (W) 66100536  
**12.35 And The Word Was Bond** (R) (S) 15725208 **1.10** Police, Camera, Action! (R) 17961840 **2.40** Dinner For Five 57124821 **2.40** LAPD: Life On The Beat (R) (SL) 40470685 **3.05** LAPD (SL) 86140956  
**3.35** Teleshopping 39641376 **5.35** ITV4 Nightscreen 65125463 **5.40** ITV4 Nightscreen 65146956 **5.50** ITV4 Nightscreen 65137208 **4.55** Diwedd



I'M A CELEBRITY... ITV1, 9pm

**ALAN FRANK'S TELLY MOVIES**

## STAR RATINGS

\*\*\*\*Don't miss it \*\*\*\*Good \*\*\*Average \*Time filler \*Garbage!

**■ BILLION DOLLAR BRAIN** (1967) \*\*\* BBC2 1.30-3.15pm. Spy thriller. British secret agent Michael Caine comes out of retirement to take a strange package to Finland where he faces danger and death when he tangles with a megalomaniac who wants to take over the world. Also starring Oscar Homolka and Karl Malden.

**■ THE LADIES** (TVM, 1987) \*\*\* Five 1.35-3.40pm. Drama. A middle-aged woman struggles to make a new life after she manages to get a divorce but begins to clash with her free-spirited daughter when she moves in with her for a while. Starring Talia Balsam, Patricia Elliott, Jeanne Mori, Robert Webber and Steven Peterman.

**■ CHANCE OF SNOW** (TVM, 1998) \*\*\* Five 3.40-5.30pm. Drama. JoBeth Williams and Michael Ontkean are heading for divorce when seasonal blizzards force the estranged couple to spend Christmas together instead of jetting off on separate holidays. Also starring Charles Durning, Dina Merrill and Barbara Barrie.

**■ WYATT EARP** (1994) \*\*\*\* Five 9.00pm-12.35am. Western biopic. After the death of his wife, lawman Kevin Costner becomes sheriff in Tombstone where, joined by Doc Holliday, he and his brothers take on outlaw gangs at the famed OK Corral. Also starring Gene Hackman, Dennis Quaid and David Andrews.

**■ DAYS OF THUNDER** (1990) \*\*\* BBC1 11.35pm-1.20am. Sports drama. Ambitious young stock car race driver Tom Cruise persuades a racing car legend to build him a car that will enable him to win the championship – but a crash almost kills him. Also starring Robert Duvall, Randy Quaid and Nicole Kidman.

## REGIONAL VARIATIONS

**BBC1 Variations WALES:** **1.30-1.40** Local News; Weather 61338541 **3.20-3.25** BBC News, Weather; Local News; Weather 8730265 **6.30-7.00** Local News 20 **7.30-8.00** Real Story With Fiona Bruce 84

**BBC2 Variations WALES:** **7.30** Scrum V Live 13046

**9.30-10.30** Simon Schama's Power Of Art 30062

**ITV1 Variations ITV1 ANGLIA:** **3.28-3.30** Anglia Weather 8724604 **6.00-6.30** Local News; Weather 36 ITV1 CHANNEL **3.28-3.30** Meridian Weather 8724604 **6.00-6.30** Local News 36 ITV1 MERIDIAN **3.28-3.30** Meridian Weather 8724604 **6.00-6.30** Local News 36 ITV1 CHANNEL **3.25-3.30** Puffin Play (loc) Fun with Oscar Puffin and Harry the Hedgehog 8724604 **6.00-6.30** Local News; Weather 36 **6.59-7.00** Local News 220178 ITV1 WEST: **3.28-3.30** ITV West Weather 8724604 **6.00-6.30** Local News 36 ITV1 WALES: **3.28-3.30** ITV Wales Weather 8724604 **6.00-6.30** Local News; Weather 36 **11.00** Eros Unleashed 9772 11.30 Take That - For The Record 612739 **12.55** Make Your Play ITV1 WESTCOUNTRY: **3.28-3.30** Westcountry Weather 8724604 **6.00-6.30** Local News 36

**S4C As Channel 4 except:** **9.30** Ysgolion Followed by New Boy. 49295604 **10.30** Judan Ann Mohammad 11141420 **11.30-12.00** Freshly Squeezed 79818371 **12.30** Planed Plant Bach 26625997 **1.15** 3 Minute Wonder: Turner Prize 2006 95732710 **1.17** 3 Minute Wonder: Turner Prize 2006 95732710 **1.20** Me On The Dog 99374791 **2.25** Deal Or No Deal Gameshow, hosted by Carol Vorderman 0034333 **3.10** Countdown 49590265 **3.45** 50 Planed Plant 77803994 **8.00** Pobol Y Cwm: Di Lewis is determined to explain himself to Stacey. 39378555 **8.25** Y Brodias Fawr **10.00** Chex. Animation providing a satirical outlook on the world. 10755994 **10.15** Film: Bad Girls 86163604 **12.05** 8 Out Of 10 Cats 45172647 **12.35** Unanimous 96056208 **1.35** Hollyoaks: In The City 86171260 **2.35** The Russell Brand Show 69071956 **3.15** Film: Purely Better 73715482 **4.55** Diwedd

# MIKE WARD

## WHAT'S HOT TO WATCH TODAY



**■** If you've been hooked for the past three weeks, like any reasonably balanced human being ought to have been, to **I'M A CELEBRITY... GET ME OUT OF HERE!** (ITV1, 9pm), then you hardly need me to remind you that tonight is the live final, at the end of which the winner will take possession of weighing champion Cawl Thatcher's cown.

And yet here I am, reminding you anyway. Makes no sense, really, does it?

**■ BEFORE** all that gets underway, there's a double helping of **CORONATION STREET** (ITV1, 7.30pm, 8.30pm). And it's powerful stuff, as Danny

and Jamie's father-son feud over Frankie looks set to come to a messy end. For reasons way too implausible to bother going into, the pair of them end up together at the viaduct where Danny's taken to hanging out these past few days.

"So a quick smack didn't entirely satisfy your male pride, then?" goes Jamie. "What, you're gonna do me in, are you?"

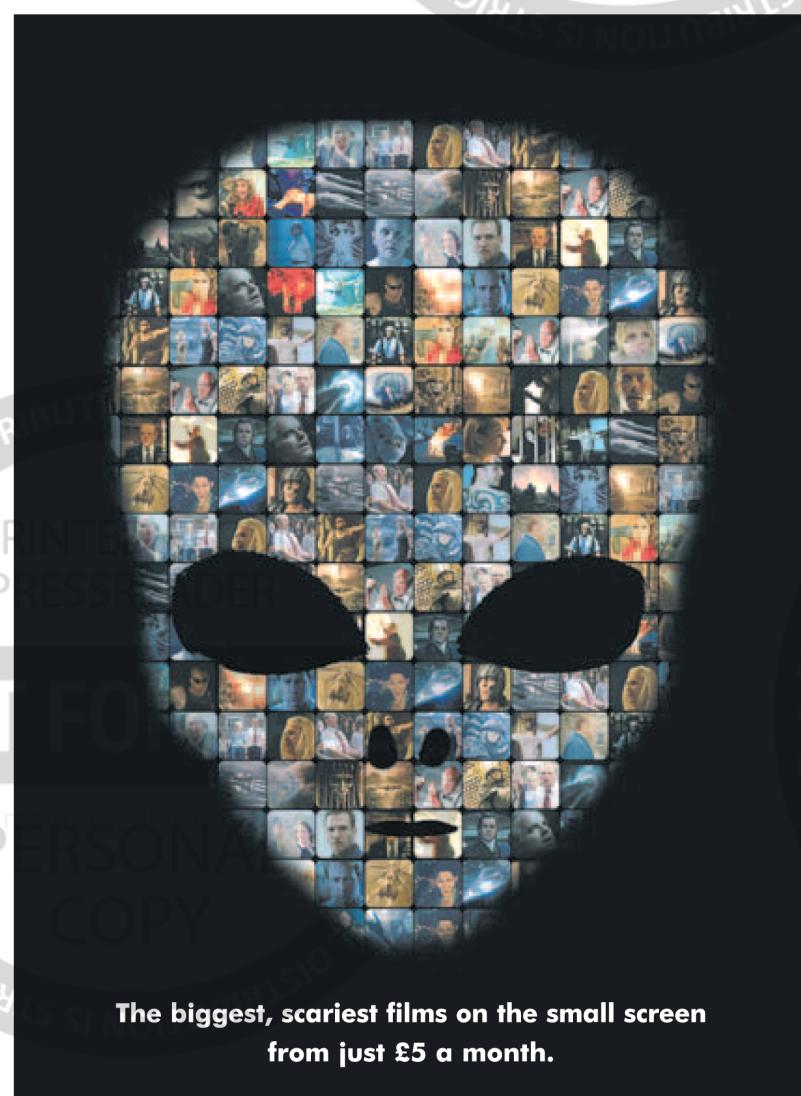
Danny insists this isn't his plan, then gives an alarming indication of what is – forcing Jamie to hang on to him as he hangs over the edge. "All you gotta do now is let me go..." he suggests. Meanwhile, back on the street itself, Norris is getting himself into trouble with his

night-vision goggles, bought to help him nab the mystery graffiti artist. When his gaze happens to stray, he ends up focusing on the bedroom window where Tracy is undressing – prompting Charlie to storm over and sort him out. "You filthy little pervert!" he yells.

**■ ELSEWHERE,** in **EASTENDERS** (BBC1, 8pm), Ian and Jane resort to mud-wrestling to sort out their personal differences.

**■ AND IN HOLLYOAKS** (Channel 4, 6.30pm), scumbag Warren kindly takes over when Calvin kindly pauses his date with lovely Louise.

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# MATT BAYLIS

...ON LAST  
NIGHT'S TV

IN FEBRUARY 1997, U.S. President Bill Clinton paid tribute to a woman who'd been dubbed a gold-digger and shunned by polite society, whose fortunes had yo-yoed from penury to spending millions a year on flowers alone. When Pamela Churchill died, aged 76, Clinton said simply: "Today I am here, because she was there."

**CHURCHILL'S GIRL** (Ch4) told a tale so remarkable that novelists must have been kicking themselves for not making it up. Born to respectable English gentry, Pamela Digby longed to escape the routine of country life. She took a job in the Foreign Office in the war, where she met Randolph Churchill, the outrageous son of the future Prime Minister. Quickly sensing her magnetic power over

men, her father-in-law encouraged her to develop a relationship with the wealthy Averill Harriman, regarded as President Roosevelt's top man in Europe. With Pam as his secret agent – at least according to this documentary – Winston Churchill was able to persuade the Americans to enter the war.

**Flame**

Whether you believe that or not, Pam Churchill seems to have been a remarkable woman. Her early experiences as Winston Churchill's confidante convinced her that powerful men were vulnerable pussycats, if only you knew how to handle them, and after divorcing Randolph, she went looking for a new husband in Washington. After another

millionaire spouse died and left her no money in his will – because she'd spent it already – she got on the phone to her old flame Averell, who in addition to being recently widowed, was 79 and extremely rich.

Pam became the elder stateswoman of the Democrat party, making young Bill Clinton her protege. When he became President, he made her U.S. Ambassador to Paris and when she died there, the French and American leaders almost fell out over who should give her the greatest honour.

And just as Pamela achieved all of this with her wits alone, this programme recognised that it needed no gimmicks, no arty reediting or over-acted reconstructions to jazz up the material – the woman was quite enough.

**FILMS****SKY MOVIES 1****6.50pm Boys Klub (2001) (PG)**

Basketball drama. 80053642

**8.45 The 12 Days Of Christmas Eve (2004) (PG)**

Seasonal drama, starring Steven Weber. 92879517

**10.20 Sky Movies News (13)10994****10.50 Confessions Of An Ugly Stepsister (2001) (U)**

Comedy, with Stockard Channing. 14942555

**12.30pm Boys Klub (2001) (PG)**

Basketball drama. 50948626

**2.25 The 12 Days Of Christmas Eve (2004) (PG)**

Seasonal drama, starring Steven Weber. 997081

**4.00 The Legend Of Frosty The Snowman (2005) (U)**

Animation, with the voice of Burt Reynolds. 25736772

**5.35 Popcorn Comic quiz**

192178

**6.05 Confessions Of An Ugly Stepsister (2001) (U)**

Comedy, starring Stockard Channing. 86723772

**8.00 The Constant Gardener (2005) (15)**

Acclaimed drama, with Ralph Fiennes. 56066197

**10.15 Commando (1985) (18)**

Action adventure. 114913

**11.50 Renegades (1989) (18)**

Action adventure, with Kiefer Sutherland. 220333

**1.40am Dominion: Prequel To The Exorcist (2005) (15)**

Horror, starring Stellan Skarsgård. 440395

**3.40 It's All Gone Pete Tong (2004) (15)**

Comedy, starring Paul Kaye. 632685

**5.35-7.00 The Legend Of Frosty****The Snowman (2005) (U)** Animation, with the voice of Burt Reynolds. 6433956**SKY MOVIES 2****6.30pm Blessings (2003) (PG)**

Drama. 39684555

**8.25 Can't Be Heaven (1999) (PG)**

Drama. 15055517

**10.10 Ella Enchanted (2004) (PG)**

Fantasy. 74552517

**11.55 Chasing Christmas (2005)**

Comedy. 40525081

**1.30pm Blessings (2003) (PG)**

Drama. 96130

**3.00 Can't Be Heaven (1999) (PG)**

Drama. 43021739

**4.45 Ella Enchanted (2004) (PG)**

Fantasy adventure. 88413081

**6.30 Chasing Christmas (2005)**

Premiere. Comedy starring Tom Arnold and Andrea Roth. 19826

**8.00 Catwoman (2004) (12)**

Comic-book adventure, with Halle Berry. 19178

**10.00 Domino (2005) (15)**

Premiere. Thriller, starring James Fox and Mick Jagger. 4756333

**11.55 Bull Durham (1988) (15)**

Baseball comedy. 90881081

**2.00am Funny Bones (1995) (U)**

Comedy. 37405519

**4.15 6.00 The Story Of The Weeping Camel (2004) (U)**

Documentary. 53161111

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**SPORT****SKY SPORTS 1****6.00am Live Test Cricket Australia v England**

101710

**8.30 European Tour Golf (517517) 11.30**

Test Cricket. 842555 2.00pm The Rugby Club

**42826 3.30 Live International Cricket**

South Africa v India. 9114933

**7.00 Premier League Preview**

The weekend's fixtures. 4420

**7.30 Live FA Cup Football**

King's Lynn v Oldham Athletic (Kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the second-round match at the Walks Stadium, where the Southern League Premier hosts are looking to cause a major shock. The Linnets beat Bishop's Stortford 5-3 in the first round to set up the biggest tie in their history, and Oldham boss will be hoping his men make his job easier than in round one, when they squeezed past Kettering Town 4-3. 10038178

**10.15 Friday Fight Night**

Juan Manuel Marquez v Jimex Jaca. 470081

**12.00-6.00midnight Live Test Cricket**

Australia v England. 14757753

**SKY SPORTS 2****6.00am Aerobics 3543333 6.30 Shift**

Adventure Snowbirds 9173371 7.00 Aerobics

3593888 7.30 Shift Adventure Snowbirds

3505623 8.00 Football League Review

**7.30 9.00 Football**

6743826 9.30 The Rugby Club

8172623 11.00 Football League Review

3514371 12.00noon Netball 9151159 2.00

**European Tour Golf** 6601772 5.00 Premier**League Preview** 5275825 5.30 FIFA**Futbol Mundial** 6811642 6.00 Soccer**AM's All Sports Show** 2333772 7.00 World**Sport** The latest events across the globe. 5255062 7.30 **Test Cricket** Australia v England. 5678420 10.00 **International Cricket** South Africa v India. 3563197 11.30**12.00midnight FA Cup Football** 5656537**1.30** World Sport 7603821 2.00 Friday Fight Night 3517208 3.45 Sky Sports Classics

44672802 4.00 Soccer AM's All Sports Show

8886173 5.00 Premier League Preview 3474227

**5.30 FIFA Futbol Mundial** 3517918**SKY SPORTS 3****6.00am Irish Greyhound Racing** 79458994**6.30 Race World** 4710491 7.30 **Need For Speed**

57569159 8.00 Netball 12192791 10.00

**Women's Pool** 57581371 11.00 **Racing News**44710791 11.30 **Aerobics Oz Style** 44711420**12.00noon Transworld Sport** 64886246 1.00

Need For Speed 5752623 1.30 NBA Action

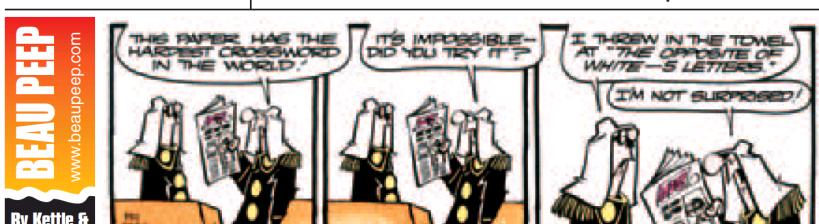
6489970 2.00 NFL 16755371

**5.00 WWE: Raw** 82484401 7.00 **European Tour Golf** The New Zealand Open. 17847742**10.00 WWE: Late Night - Smackdown**

Over-the-top wrestling action. 44721807

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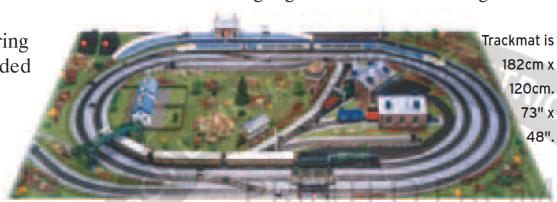
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cmon people of britain why r we lettin plumbers charge wat they like?? £300 for a days work yr avin a laugh its gotta stop. **Ripped off**

TONY BLAIR SAYS NO BARRIER WILL STOP INVESTIGATION INTO LITVINENKO'S DEATH. PITTY HE DIDNT DO SAME FOR DIANA. **LIZ**

Wanna cut crime? Stop the police persecuting motorists and get em off their cowardly asses and chase sum real criminals. **Steve, The Pool**

2 drs agree wi b out sat navs n mobys. also y can u smoke while drivin but cant eat!! **big g**

Y DO POLICE SPEAK 2 U LIKE SCUM 4 NOT WEARIN A SEATBELT. BUT 2 FRIGHTND 2 SAY BOO 2 A REAL CRIMINAL? **Confused**

Council tax up by more than inflation and cuts to services. No other european nation would tolerate such abuse. **Tim, Newquay**

22 years voting labour but neva again. won't just be caps going 2 jail 4 non payment of council tax soon. **brid pte**

SOME ONE HAS GOT 2 BE TAKING THE PSS. IF THE MUSLIMS GET THEIR OWN LAW THAT WILL BE IT. **MAD MAZ**

About time this anti british government was stopped. Come on ma'am dissolve this crap. Its not good for we subjects. I bow. **mr windsor**

Make immigrants work 4 3 years before they can claim anything at the state. **irn bru 32**

british WANTED apology from the JAPANESE for their part in WAR so WHATS wrong with TONY BLAIR apologising 4 SLAVE TRADE? **jd**

Like it or not, wot maggie said maggie did she wasnt an ass lickin puppet like blair. **Dominic**

THATCHER'S LEGACY: Poll Tax, Channel Tunnel and "CARE IN THE COMMUNITY"? And some WANT HER BACK? **MIDDLE SAXON**

I wont b bidding 4 anybody runnin 4 prime minister. i dont trust a single party that'll b running. **BIG EKE**

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**82100**

y do we hav 2 use yankys wrds 2 describe our chldrn? i alwys thort a kid was a goat. **old fishnd dad**

The 5th staffords were part of the airborne assault in WW2. So you are calling ur own regtmen crap hats? Get real. **Dave, ex para**

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THANKS 4PUTTING MY TXT IN ABOUT THE CSA. I GET £160 A WK & THEY WANT£122. SINCE MY TXT THEY NOW WANT NIL! THANK U DAILY STAR. **G JONES**

Anybody else not received there free orange sim card yet? **wordsmith**

how do you tell a married fella who you sit opposite every day that he's gorgeous without ruinin a great friendship? **CAROL, MANCHESTER**

can you please tell my mate mitchy to

get a bath? cheers, rybo of qed

i have 50 quid lauren, that enough

2 watch u wrestle? **stroudgas**

To bundy, u get toffypops in tescos mate, theyre tops! **alan in kirrie**

had toffypops last week magic.

any1 know if u still get baked bean pizzas? **CHRISSEY BHoy, GLASGOW**

bet this wil not go in. **BAZZER FROM ELTERWATER**

what's all this talk about stockings and suspenders? I wear them when I go to THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW the best musical ever **ROCKY**

REMEMBER THE BAND INSPIRAL CARPETS? MY MATE RECKONS ONLY PEOPLE FROM MANCHESTER LIKE THEM. **DAN**

DARREN, sooty and sweep now live with wiggy at our house. they're our 3 dogs. **steve the cabbie**

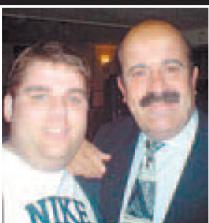
crowbar roobarb was a yellow green, custard was pink. **louie**

bertty the fixer, hard shoulders for emergency not public toilet! **anon**

plz print a picture of cheryl tweedy shes hotter then the surface of the sun. bentley

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Me and willie thorne at the local snooker club!  
Nice tash! **chris, selby**

**'Jungle Jason so scary'**

am freaked out! Watched i'm a celeb & jason donovan looked jus like tony blair! Any1 else think that? **jojo**

when are they going to do the "stop a bullet" trial in i'm a celeb? **baggage**

wot does mylene do in im a celeb? Shes pathetic! **jue**

Theres only one winner on x factor and its leona. Vote ray out. **CAZ**

bobbi alva, leona is good but u need ta get behind the macs. trev manzil regular

Everybody goes on about how sh\*t x factor and i'm a celeb are. simple – get the remote off the missus and turn TV over! **SWALLOWNEST**

Get a life Kid Rock just coz Pammys in a film. chill out. **John frm Finchley**

just watched "bride of chucky" you know for a 2ft high plastic psychopath she's actually quite sexy. **Sputnik**

cud we please have a page 3 week of the girls giving each other firemans lifts. **John**

2 bj dyfed, brit an paris r young millionaires avin it, just jealous? **Mike c**

SAD NZL NOT ALLOWED 2 DO HAKA V WALES. HOPE THEY DONT STOP US AT SIMMS X DOIN TWIST B4 GAMES! **LEE SWAIN**

Does any1 know why all dog racing tracks are left handed? **Cufc Supp**

whatever happened to the famous hot water bottle? i never go to bed without mine! **M. GRIMSHAW, WIGAN**

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TWO blondes are playing snooker. After a couple of hours, one says: "We aren't doing very well – we've not potted a ball yet."

The other says: "Do you think it might help if we moved that big triangle?"

**MARK ALISTAIR HAM, Bolton.**

THERE was a robbery at a snooker hall, but all the gang got away with was four red balls and a black. The police said it was a bad break for the thieves.

**G. CLIFFORD, Oldham, Lancs.**

Q: Why is Christmas Day like a day at the office? A: You do all the work and some fat bloke in a suit takes all the credit.

**J. COOK, Chatham, Kent.**

THREE Santas turn up to give blood. A nurse takes a sample from each to test and says: "That's funny, you're all the same blood group – O, O, O!"

**TEZ SMITH, Leeds.**

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IT'S the time of year when Christians start bleating that "we've all forgotten the true meaning of Christmas".

But it's the Christians who've forgotten that, thousands of years before Jesus, there were festivals held at this time to celebrate the only true religion of the British people – paganism.

Christianity is an alien religion, forced on us by the Romans. Thankfully, it is now dying out.

**NEIL FOSTER, St Helens, Merseyside.**

IF I were in Australia for the cricket, I would want to sit as far away as possible from the noisy Barmy Army.

Their "singing" is almost as inept as the England team's playing skills were in the first Test.

**COLIN FENN, Southgate, N. London.**

I CAN'T believe what passes for entertainment. Reality shows I'm A Celebrity, The X Factor and Strictly Come Dancing are rubbish. If my TV's on these days, it's mostly to watch DVDs.

**A. A. COLLINS, Coventry.**

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JANE O'GORMAN SOLVES YOUR PROBLEMS TODAY... AND EVERY DAY

## Pain from Spain

I'M due to marry my fiancée of three years at Christmas but I just feel like walking out.

The problem is that her sister is one big, mouthy tart.

She's got an opinion on everything from how my fiancée and I should look, to what colour toilet paper we should have at the reception.

She's driving me nuts and I hate the way she's bullying and demoralising my fiancée, too. Until a few weeks ago we had this wedding flicked.

We knew exactly how we wanted it to all go. But suddenly she's strolled in from her home in Spain and is taking over.

The whole family are terrified of her, especially my future in-laws and it's pathetic.

She's so bolshy that no-one likes standing up to her and I can't take any more.

**JANE SAYS:** This is your wedding and you need to reclaim it and put your stamp back on it again.

Your future sister-in-law is out of order and needs to be told.

When this wedding is over, she'll skip back to Spain and it'll have been her "do" and not yours and you'll regret it.

Even if everyone else is frightened of her, you can't be. Speak to your fiancée and insist you get things back on track.

Be strong, stand your ground and start saying "no" – simply storming out is the coward's way of handling a tricky situation.



**PASSION THRILLER:**  
She enjoyed a weekend of wild sex with her male pal but he now doesn't want to know her



TWO weeks ago I published this letter from a reader. She wanted to know what she should do...

**I HATE** my mum's new boyfriend. He's nothing but a thug. He's six years younger than her. She's flattered and thinks he's a catch but he's been in prison and has a reputation for violence.

She insists he's lovely to her but how many times have you heard that before?

I'm scared that he's going to hurt her but she won't hear a word said against him. Here are some of your answers...

**I HAVE** never approved of my mother's partner but that has never put her off him.

Even though I've warned her that he's lazy and useless, she continues to feed, house and clothe him.

It's her decision and her life and I've learned not to interfere.

JENNY MURRAY, Devon

**I BELIEVE** that it's your reader's duty to turn her mother against this horrible man.

It's what I should have done with my own mum. When she introduced me to her revolving new partner, I hated him on sight but held back.

By the time she found the courage to finally leave him, he'd almost killed her.

NOME WITHHELD

**I'VE** always had a love/hate relationship with my stepfather.

Basically, he loves to wind me up, and I absolutely hate him for it.

But I have to admit that he came into his own when my mother fell ill. He really looked after her and saved her life.

I've reluctantly come to the conclusion that you can't tell someone else who to love.

MRS C SIMONS, Berks

## MY DESPAIR OVER WEEKEND OF LUST

**I'VE** been dropped by one of my oldest male friends after a mind-boggling weekend of passion.

Three weeks ago we got drunk, went to bed and didn't get dressed again until two days later.

In between we kissed, drank, wrestled and made the most amazing love. We chased each

other around his flat, groping and play fighting. We had sex in every single room, in every imaginable position. We even went online to talk dirty to some swingers from Brighton.

### Regrets

We were completely bonkers for almost 48 hours and had a wild and crazy time.

But now he's refusing to answer my calls and

telling mutual friends that he never wants to see me again. Apparently he regrets ever letting me get close to him.

He thinks that our friendship should never have crossed the line and become sexual. He even blames me for seducing him.

It's unbelievable. This is a guy I've known for more than 10 years. I've been on holiday with him twice and socialised with him hundreds of times. Yet suddenly he's cutting me out.

Our weekend was no quickie, no one-night stand, we must have made love more than 20 times.

He knew what he was doing. I even had to get emergency contraception on the Monday morning.

I'm devastated and confused. How dare he treat me like this after all the years I've known him?

**JANE SAYS:** Unfortunately your friend no longer feels that he can have a relationship with you.

On that crazy weekend a line was crossed. You went from being friends to lovers. Clearly that's not what he wants in his life and, sadly, there's no going back.

It's immature and pretty lame of him to blame you for seducing him as it always takes two to tango. But if he's looking for someone to blame and isn't prepared to take any responsibility himself then you're the obvious choice.

If you ask me, he sounds rather pathetic and a bit of a prat. If he can't even pick the phone up to you after 10 years of friendship and sort this out, then is he really worth bothering with? I think not.

Maybe he's embarrassed but neither of you are kids. You should be able to talk this through.

## He makes me sleep in the car

**I**F I am not home by 9.30pm, my boyfriend bolts the front door and I have to sleep in the car.

It doesn't matter how much I bang and beg, he won't unlock the door again until 8am the next morning.

When I'm eventually allowed home, we always have a huge

row and then he doesn't speak to me for up to a fortnight. Even though I pay half the mortgage and bills, he won't change.

**JANE SAYS:** Sleeping in the car is really dangerous – anyone could break in and attack you. What on earth is your idiotic boyfriend

playing at? It's your home and you can come and go as you please.

How dare he impose a curfew or limit your liberty? If he's so insecure that he can't bear the idea of you going out, then you must get shot of him.

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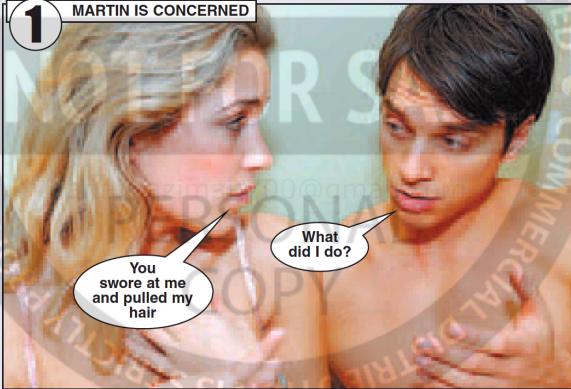
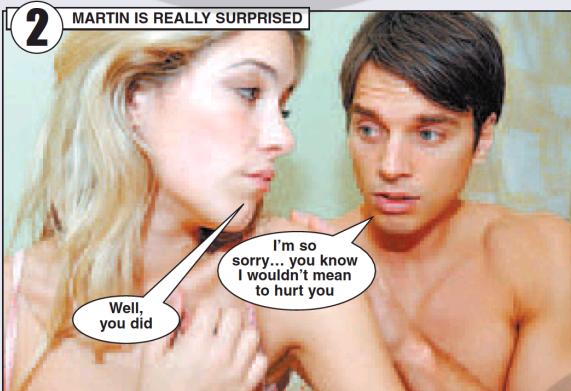
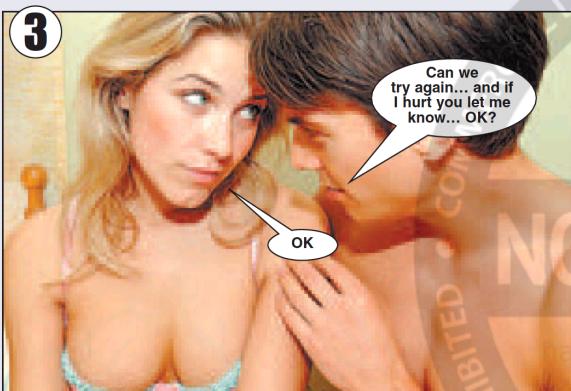
MY 25-year-old daughter insists that she was abused by a family member as a child.

I just don't believe her. The man she's accusing was a wonderful human being – always so kind and generous to me.

I've told her that she's only doing this to get attention. I've told her that she's got a personality disorder and we've fallen out badly.

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**Aries**

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(Apr 21–May 21)

A DEAL might be agreed, and all you have to do is exchange contracts. But remember – this is hardly a licence to print money. Even the simplest arrangement could be affected this weekend. Don't worry – guardian angels will be watching over you. To understand why you could ask for the Moon, call...

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(May 22–June 22)

PLANS have been made and even the location has been chosen. The rest you can leave to partners – though it seems that one particular person is aiming for something different. Watching what is going on from the outside might be fun. To understand why you are still the number one choice, call...

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(June 23–July 23)

NO doubt others will tell you how precious you are and how much they value you. Yet, for some reason, they might catch you off your guard this weekend. Even now you are not quite sure what you are supposed to be doing. It might help if you speak up. To understand why a daring move at work is possible, call...

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(July 24–Aug 23)

CERTAIN individuals could lead you astray. They will use all their charms on you to get their way. You could be the one who ends up handing over the money this weekend. Remember though – the more you spend, the more it shows you care for someone. To understand why everyone's a winner when it comes to love, call...

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(Aug 24–Sep 23)

EVERYTHING should run smoothly and you won't have to stay at work any longer than is necessary. To be honest, you may not want to be at home too much either this weekend. Do it for the family's sake, though really it's for the sake of a relationship. To understand why things are about to change at home, call...

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(Sep 24–Oct 23)

EVEN though your nearest and dearest have plenty of endearing qualities, they can be selfish at times and will refuse to budge over a certain issue. If you could run away this weekend, you would – though you'd be sorely missed. But barriers will be overcome. To understand why a struggle is now over, call...

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(Oct 24–Nov 22)

AN offer seems to be the genuine article. However, you haven't been paid yet. The chances are that others will take a risk – thinking that you'll help them out this weekend. Make sure you don't fall for it. Whatever you do, don't give your cash card number. To understand why you can afford to be sentimental, call...

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THE influence of Venus in Sagittarius will enable you to get your own way today. It's surprising how easily swayed others are. You might not say that when you return home from a day out. The good news is that a reorganisation will put things in order. To understand why you will weather the storm when it comes to a personal issue, call...

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(Dec 22–Jan 20)

THIS week should end on a reassuring note, even if you are working alone or for yourself. After that, you must be prepared for a sudden change of plan. It would be best to leave early. Is there something going on that others aren't telling you about? You still won't be put off. To find out about a closely guarded secret, call...

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ANOTHER week is over and you should be in a light-hearted mood. Just make sure that you're not setting yourself up for a fall. A promise may be broken soon – and the excuses will be the same old ones. Basically, others want you to pay. To understand why you might be more popular than ever, call...

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(Feb 20–Mar 20)

YOU should end the working week feeling relieved – unless the message you sent to a work colleague hasn't come through or been passed on. However, you may decide to change your goals anyway. You might even drop a bombshell of your own. Do it in an acceptable way if you can. To understand why critical acclaim is welcome, call...

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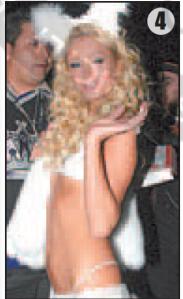
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**3** STEP out in your underwear – the skimpier the better.

**4** DRESS up like a bunnygirl. And don't forget to catch the eye of as many snappers as you can.

## WATCH OUT, BRITNEY – SEE



**SAUCY** Britney Spears has been partying like it's going out of fashion lately. And her new best friend is Paris Hilton.

But close pal Madonna, 48, has warned Brit that boozy Paris, 25, could be a bad influence.

Paris has certainly not had a classy impact on Brit's fashion sense – she has been flashing the flesh all over town. But will being "Hilton'd" prove a boost or a disaster for Britney as she plans a pop comeback?

Here, **LINDA HARRISON** and **KATE JACKSON** count the empties – and look at others who have fallen under the spell of party animal Paris ...



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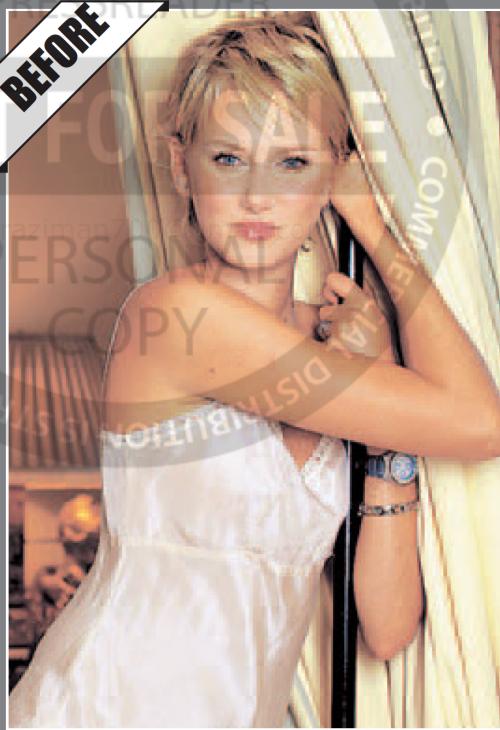
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**KIMBERLY STEWART, 27**

**BEFORE:** Ah! Here's Kimberly looking all cute before her wild rock chick days.

**DURING:** She's hardly the shy, retiring type after a night out with Paris. Another recent booze-fest for the pair ended up with Paris in handcuffs after she apparently failed a breathalyser test and spent the evening down the cop shop.

**AFTER:** Kim's rocker dad Rod, 61, recently revealed his fears for her health, but that hasn't slowed her down. Here she is after one of her legendary London binges in June. Well and truly Hilton'd!



# WHAT YOUR PAL'S LIFESTYLE DID FOR THESE BABES



AFTER

**BRITNEY SPEARS, 24**

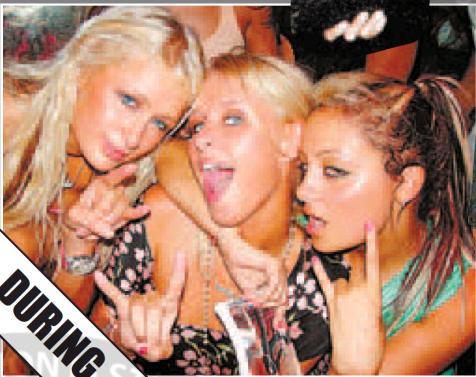
**BEFORE:** Here's our lass looking lovely and stylish pre-Paris. The blonde babe is shown stepping out early last month in New York, shortly after issuing divorce papers against husband Kevin Federline, 28.

**DURING:** A Brit of a fashion disaster? That's putting it mildly. Please Brittters, get your fashion tips from a different best pal in future.

**AFTER:** Hmm, it could be too early to tell, but we're seeing a bit of a Courtney Love resemblance here. Quick, someone — she's a celebrity... get her out of there!



BEFORE



DURING

**NICOLE RICHIE, 25**

**BEFORE:** A sophisticated Nicole steps out at the Vanity Fair post-Oscars party in Los Angeles in 2004.

**DURING:** Oh dear, the worst case yet. And their infamous partying led to an even more

infamous bust-up between the girls — pictured with Nicky, 23, sister of Paris.

**AFTER:** Paris and Nicole are now firm friends again. But after some rapid weight-loss and time in rehab, we'll have to wait and see whether she'll change her wild ways.



AFTER



AFTER



BEFORE



DURING

**LINDSAY LOHAN, 20**

**BEFORE:** Lindsay looks like butter wouldn't melt in LA back in 2003, before the start of her on/off friendship with Paris.

**DURING:** The super-skinny actress seems to have had a Hilton makeover in Miami in September.

**AFTER:** There's no hope for Lindsay now — she's hooked on partying, Paris-style. The Herbie star looks the worse for wear as she leaves London's Cuckoo Club a few weeks ago.



AFTER

X - SPORTS  
Wrestling make their debut at Liquid in Gloucester on Sunday night and then at the Hippodrome in Colchester on December 10. It's 18-plus folks so e-mail XSportsWrestling@aol.com for tickets.

# FIGHTIN'

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# TALK

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**PATRICK LENNON**

## GIVE US SAMOA

SAMOA Joe and Angle raised the roof at Genesis, closely followed by Sabin/Daniels and Christian/Styles. If TNA are so far ahead of WWE in the ring that a 13-minute main event blows away anything FT saw on Survivor Series, something has to change.

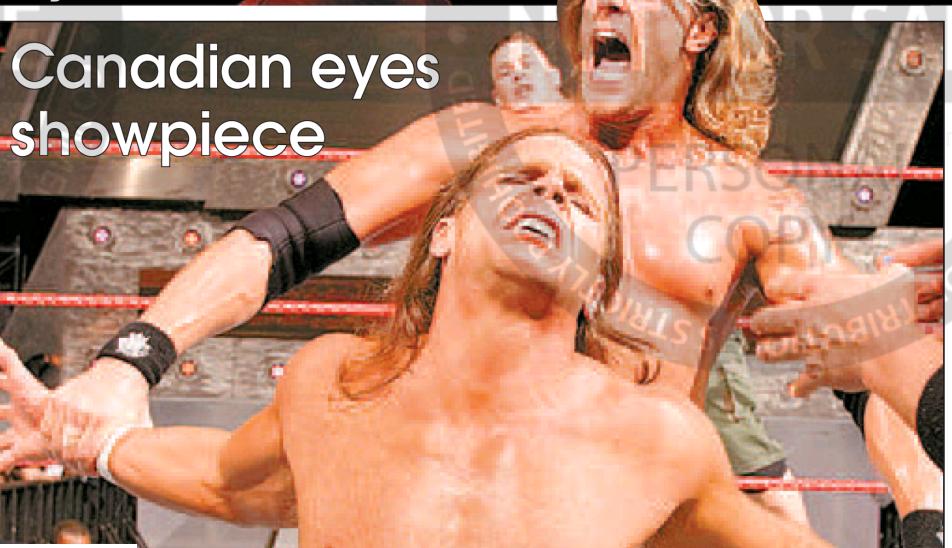
Good news – Angle-Joe II is on for December. FT can also reveal Joe himself will be over here for the March ROH tour, tickets go on sale on December 13 at [www.rohwrestling.com](http://www.rohwrestling.com)

### Battling for prizes

FT has worked its tail off to bring you two of the best-ever prizes in the last fortnight and we're happy to congratulate Paul Jeavons, right, from the West Midlands, who went to SS on Sunday, and to Drew Wilson, of Bucks, who won the telly. Fair play lads, and fear not, our efforts will never cease.



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# EDGEMANIA!

AROUND this time of year the thoughts of every pro in WWE turn to Wrestlemania.

Adam Copeland of Toronto, Canada – aka Edge – is just like the rest of them in that regard.

It's eyes down for the great game of strategy hammered out in wrestling's biggest playground.

All those around you are jockeying for position with their ringwork, winding the crowd up on the stick and playing politics backstage to get their spot on that stellar card.

### Burns

Except this year for Edge, it's a little different. Ignore that debacle on Sunday night. He's a two-time world champion and he stole the show last time out in Chicago in a brutal street fight with the hardcore legend Mick Foley.

When he talks about that match, there is a satisfied look in his eyes.

The man knows his stock will remain high on the back of that outing for many a moon. He told me:

### EXCLUSIVE

"Yeah, it was a completely different match. I never got asked to go though any flaming table, that was my own stupidity, and Mick's just as stupid as I am. I was worried that I had to go through it face first!"

"I wasn't wearing anything, which was another concern. I ended up with second-degree burns on my arms and hands."

Wrestlemania itself, Edge assured me, is enough to inspire any pro wrestler to such extremes on the biggest night of his life.

He said: "My driving force then was that I felt I should have been in the World Title Match. I decided that if I wasn't going to be in it, then I was going to have the match that everyone talked about."

"Mick's the perfect guy to have that kind of match with. He's a great guy and he had that same mentality."

With Edge consistently producing the goods at main event level for two years now, barring injury, one might

imagine he's a shoe-in for the top spot at the showpiece in Detroit. Surprisingly, he's not so sure.

"It's something I haven't accomplished – I'd love to do it but I don't know how feasible it is with the landscape the way it is now," he said.

"I'd like to see the winning streak kept intact and one year I'd like to go one-on-one with Taker at Wrestlemania."

"That would be my ultimate match, and depending on what year it is, a nice way to say goodbye, too."

### Health

One man Edge might well have raised the roof with next spring is Kurt Angle, whose departure has provided food for thought.

"I hope the best for him, I hope more than anything that he's healthy," said Edge.

"I hope he doesn't let his competitiveness and his drive get in the way of his health."

Edge deserves that Mania main event spot, if only to prevent the horror story that will be Hogan-Show, or Batista-Taker.

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**PRIVATE** equity group 3i, best known for buying and growing private firms, is setting up a new team to take stakes in stock market-listed companies. Headed by Bruce Carnegie-Grown, the ex-UK chief of insurance broker **Marsh & McLennan**, the four-man team will be on the lookout for poorly performing firms to shake up.

**UBS** Wealth Management has signed a three-year sponsorship deal with The Sage Gateshead and resident orchestra Northern Sinfonia. Paddy Lewis, investment director at UBS in Newcastle says the North East is "a key regional market" where assets under management have doubled in two years.

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EXTRA spending on defence and the war on terror by President Bush drove expansion at **QinetiQ** - the technology group spun out of Britain's weapons research laboratories.

Helped by acquisitions in America, the US Department of Defense is now the group's second biggest customer after our own Ministry of Defence and its fastest growing market.

Sales in North America nearly doubled to £165.8million in the six months to the end of September, at total turnover rose 14% to £539m.

### Jobs

Underlying profits rose 18% to £43.9m, though pre-tax profits were down to £23.7m after one-off costs - including £9m for restructuring as 250 jobs were cut.

Key US wins included a five-year contract with the military for the X-Net vehicle stopping device and increased sales of its Talon bomb disposal robots.

No-defence work ranged from high-tech foot gauges for shoe shops and the Tarsier runway debris detector for airports.

**QinetiQ** shares rose 12.5p to 186.75p, well ahead of August's low of 162p, but still below the February flotation price of 200p.

# HAMMERED!

## £30m facelift hits DIY giant

■ by REG ROBERTS

**SHARES** in DIY giant Kingfisher took a hammering yesterday.

Problems arose after it emerged that overhauling the troubled B&Q chain would knock a £30million hole in next year's profits.

Kingfisher said it was accelerating the refurbishment of the underperforming UK chain and would spend £75m on its largest warehouse stores next year.

Worries over the cost of the makeover sent shares in Kingfisher down 2.1%, closing off 5.25p at 243p.

"The returns that we expect means that this is a very, very sensible investment," insisted Kingfisher finance director Duncan Tatton-Brown.

Each store refit costs £3m with £1m of lost sales while the builders are in.

### Weak

It is currently working on eight revamps and will tackle another 25 next year.

Kingfisher believes introducing the new look - which squeezes in room sets and more products - across its 115 warehouses will boost sales at the outlets by 25%.

Kingfisher said the UK home improvement market continued to be "weak and price sensitive" with like-for-like sales at B&Q stores down 1.1% in the three months to October 28.

However that was a marked improvement on the 8% slide seen at the start of the year. B&Q profits were still down more than 7% at £46.6m on flat sales of £1bn.

Analyst forecasts for next year are expected to come down by £30m with **Seymour Pierce** analyst Richard Ratner reiterating the B&Q turnaround was "a three-year job".

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## A PIECE OF THE ACTION

TRAVEL group and Eurocamp owner **Holidaybreak** is on the buying trail.

Chief executive Carl Michel said the company was in serious talks to acquire a couple of adventure holiday firms in Europe. "People are looking for more from a holiday than spending two weeks on a beach," he said.

He was speaking as the company reported a rise in pre-tax profits from £29.9million to £32.1m for the year to September. He added that short breaks to London were recovering from the effects of the July 7 bombings.

## FTSE100 SHARE INDEX ▼ Down 35.60 points (-0.59%) at 6048.80

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A.B. Food	847xd	+1	850	699	1082	Diageo	976	-10	1001	823	1029	Lib-Int	1297	-6	1414	958	7649	Ryl Dutch Shell 'B'	1817xd	-10	2043	1735	6691
Alliance Leic.	1950	-5	1245	892	2233	Drax	808	-9	1073	538	1020	Lloyds Tsb Grp	548	+5	581	470	1036	SAB	1063xd	-18	1198	921	4718
Allison Boots	100	-4	122	92	122	DSG Int'l	195	-2	222	153	4713	Man Group	474xd	-4	492	295	7896	Sage Grp	256	-2	283	204	6601
AMV/SCAP	550	-5	637	395	1124	Experian	587	+10	619	559	804	Morrisons (Wm)	259	+4	275	176	1253	Sainsbury & Newcastle	1497	+3	507	492	6027
Anglo	2362	-6	2541	1816	4949	Friends Prov	201	-1	218	166	222	National Grid	1351xd	-20	1577	1331	1024	Severn Trent	1452	-1	1600	1492	6021
Astrazeneca	2950	-1	3259	2574	1585	Galleria Grp.	951	-1	952	804	2222	Newcast	1780xd	-7	198	138	1254	Shire Pharmcial	1019	-22	1058	709	5200
Aviva	1100	-11	1100	950	1100	GloboSmithline	1351xd	+20	1577	1331	1024	Ntn Rock	1135	-17	1218	833	3555	Slough Estates	730	+4	745	546	1433
BAE Sys.	387xd	+10	449	329	1010	Hanson	729	+3	784	598	1030	Old Mutual	165xd	-2	205	150	150	Pearson	750	-12	810	670	1374
Barclays	680	-6	723	586	1004	Hbos	1041	-9	1104	867	3333	Perrier	562	+40	582	426	399	Smith & Nephew	481	+5	571	400	1434
BG Grp.	684	+11	782	540	1274	Home Retail Group	409	+2	426	399	3278	Prudential	1060d	+40	1070	774	1034	Spencer Group	1286	+9	1322	833	1437
BHP Bill.	965	+11	1272	853	2423	Hsbc Hldgs	938xd	-11	1028	919	7733	Reckitt Benck	266	-1	743	510	7481	Star Chart	1459	+23	1503	1333	4887
Bt	1100	-10	1100	911	1100	Homebase	426	-1	435	324	1032	Reed Elsevier	558	-8	607	503	1396	Standard Life	284	+1	293	239	4665
Bt Airways	492	-2	495	312	6258	Imp Chem.	416	-6	435	324	1271	Resolution	635	+7	673	539	1211	Tate & Lyle	796	-2	810	534	4666
Bt Amer.Tob.	1430	-23	1510	1242	1003	Imp.Tobacco Grp	1869	-4	1880	1601	1272	Reynolds Grp.	529	-5	471	348	1021	Tesco	391xd	-1	405	303	1056
Bt Land	1522	-3	162	968	1128	Intercon. Hotel	1018	-11	1065	783	3729	Rexam	537	+1	604	459	1116	Uld Utilities	1363xd	-12	1412	1125	5983
Bradford & Bing	484	+5	538	371	7677	Johnson Matth.	1365xd	-23	1510	1237	1280	Rio Tinto	2715	+21	3322	2340	6699	Vedanta	1286	-17	1740	706	3004
Bt Min.	573	-5	574	371	1114	Kazakhmys	1162	+6	1370	655	1357	Rolls-Royce	426c	-4	490	379	6441	Wobolt	1190xd	+10	1462	1063	3288
BSkyB	528	-1	573	478	3382	Kelda Grp.	922	-3	944	726	4018	Royal Bank Scot.	1842	-15	1939	1650	3219	Xstrata	675	+4	706	570	3289
BT Group	284	+7	291	203	1012	Kingsfisher	243	-5	273	218	5908	Royal & Sun All.	147xd	-	154	113	7482	Yell Grp.	575xd	2	625	463	1026
Cable & Wire	155xd	-1	164	97	1015																		
Cadent-Sch.	523	-1	590	399	1199																		
Capita Group	1000	-8	208	178	3643																		
Carnival	247xd	-36	3397	2023	2568																		
Centrica	330	-4	341	230	1818																		
Compass Group	287	-3	299	210	7663																		

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## US BAN BAD BET FOR SPORTING

INTERNET gaming group **Sportingbet's** forced departure from the US in the wake of the online gambling ban cost £252.4million.

Chief executive Andy McIver said the losses stemmed from a drastic three-month restructuring imposed by the ban.

As a result, the company made pre-tax losses of £241.4m, compared to profits of £14.3m for the first quarter to October.

"The US was responsible for 80% of our business, and we're now going to be pushing them much harder."

The company is also looking to expand into Germany despite previous failures.

"The Germans are not keen on sports betting, but they do like casino gambling," he said.

# GIVE US A STEER

**Q** I've looked everywhere for a cheap Skoda Fabia vRS, but can't find one. All the cars I've been to look at are really expensive. Why is this?

**A** Fabia's mix of potent power and 55mpg fuel consumption has been a hit for Skoda. Residuals are the best ever for the firm – even the first cars, registered in 2003, will set you back £7,900 from a dealer (new price was £12k).

The best cars are kept within the dealer network, and this lack of supply keeps prices firm. Some high mileage cars are cheaper, but you'll still have to pay above £6,000.

## PARKER'S CAR GUIDES

Your motoring questions answered by the experts [www.parkers.co.uk](http://www.parkers.co.uk)

**Q** My girlfriend is buying me a personalised registration plate for my birthday. How much will it cost to transfer it, how do I go about it and what happens to the old number?

**A** You need to complete a transfer of registration form (called a V317) and take it with all the documents (including V5 and MOT) to your local DVLA office.

It'll cost £80 to swap them and the DVLA will take back your original number. You'll get your new registration documents through the post a few weeks later.



## Flash, or what?

THIS lot (above) has got to be the perfect pressie for the man with everything... well if you can afford a Lamborghini you probably have got everything.

It's the Italian firm's range of limited edition Christmas candles, baubles and even Christmas cards – in the official colours of Lamborghini's V12 Murciélagos LP640, launched earlier this year.

There are baubles and slow-burning candles, all bearing the Lamborghini shield and finished in a gold spray.

### Models

Christmas cards are available in presentation boxes of 20 (£25.85), complete with special white ink pens for writing on the coated black cards, while there are model cars, pencils and pads, mouse mats and T-shirts, cufflinks, ladies' wallets and card holders in Lamborghini yellow, and luxurious cashmere scarves for men and women.

Items are available from Lamborghini dealers in London, Edinburgh, Birmingham and Manchester, or online at [www.lamborghini.co.uk](http://www.lamborghini.co.uk)

Sorry, but I have to go and be sick now.

**■** LOOKING for a new car bargain? Then how about a flash Jaguar S-Type? It's been around since 1999, but in spring 2008 it will be replaced by an all-new saloon called the Jaguar XF, so you can be sure dealers will already be looking to shift what stock they've got. No pictures of the XF are available yet, but Jaguar promise "a new sports saloon that will challenge people to think again about Jaguar as daring and different". Whatever. The XF has been designed and developed at Jaguar's Development Centre at Whitley, Coventry and will be built at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham.

# MOTOR MOUTH

## Jag gets the boot

**IT'S** got to be one of the best-looking, fastest, swishiest motors that I have ever driven.

But after a week in the sensational new Jaguar XKR Convertible, and flooring it at every opportunity, I can also report that it's bloody annoying.

Some of its irritations were simply equipment that didn't work, then did, then didn't again. Others were built-in botherations that you'd simply have to accept and learn to live with.

Oh dear. Where do we start with a car that handles like a dream, cruises like a limo, has genuine supercar performance, with matching noise and is one of the biggest head-turners around right now?

We'll start with a plus point – its tyre-pressure sensors work. I know because it arrived with a slow puncture ... and an accompanying dashboard warning.

### Dodgy

I got it fixed and, when you consider that this is a car that will hit 155mph in not much more than nodding approval, that's a big plus mark for Jag. The last thing you want at that speed is a dodgy tyre. Thank you Mr Computer – a Lexus-style, touch-screen sensitive luxury piece of kit that comes as standard, including sat-nav, heating controls for the dual-zone climate control, the 6-CD stereo system, trip computer, in fact everything you could want and a bit more.

Only trouble was, Mr Computer was also having a bit of a strop for the week I had the car and, however many buttons I pressed he refused to come out to play – in other words, it simply didn't work.

This was more than annoying if you were half-way through listening to Ken Bruce's morning music quiz, or, even worse, Alan Green commenting on the match.

### But it gets worse...

When it was working, every time I selected reverse the radio volume was completely shut down, only to be replaced by a deafening screech indicating that the parking sensors were active.

### Nightmare

So, for the whole of any reversing manoeuvre, plus a few seconds afterwards, somebody could have scored a goal for all I knew.

"Rooney's in the box. He shoots, and... screeech, screeech."

### And worse...

Reversing a Jaguar XKR convertible is a nightmare, because you can barely see where you're going.

Honestly, it's frightening. No wonder it's got the world's loudest parking sensors.

It may have been November but, in the end, I simply dropped the hood into the boot so I could see



where I was going. Well, it only takes a few seconds, all at the push of a button, so provided it's not raining and that you don't mind looking a total prat, it does save on bodyshop repair bills.

I wish I could end it there, with the "will it, won't it, work?" computer, the horrendously noisy parking sensor that shuts off the radio and the almost total lack of rear vision, but I can't.

### And worse...

Let's just say that this is not a car that would suit a compulsive shopper. The boot is totally utterly pathetic, despite using a space saver as a spare wheel.

It may be four feet wide (this is a big car), but if you want the hood down there's a separating panel,

that has to be put in place to stop you squashing stuff, that makes it, in part, just seven inches high.

If you're prepared to drive with the hood permanently raised, which makes buying a convertible seem pointless, you'll get 14 inches of height, at the start, (ooh) tapering back to just a couple of inches at the back, a mere 30 inches away.

### Luxury

For years, all models of Jags have been blighted by almost useless boots and the XKR is no exception.

I suppose I am having a bit of a moan this week, so it would be unfair to let the XKR go by without mentioning the very thing people buy it for ... and that's speed,

beauty and luxury. It scores 10 out of 10 in all these departments. It is blindingly quick and growls and howls from the moment you press the start button. It's a real attention-grabber.

Once you get it into Pechanga territory the XKR turns into an unseen fist that smashes you from 70 to 155mph with a deep, thunderous, roar. It is sensational, especially on the speed-limit-free motorways of Germany where I took it.

Would I want one? I would if power, looks and comfort were the be-all and end-all.

Sadly, though, I like at least a portion of practicality.

*And the XKR didn't serve up anything like enough.*